

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### EDWARDS, JOHNSON & HUBBOARD FAMILY REUNION

#### HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, in the mid 1800s, the union of Henryetta Hubbard and William Johnson in Choctaw County, Mississippi has blessed us with descendants that have helped to shape our Nation; and

Whereas, the Hubbard and Johnson union produced many well respected citizens, today we honor all of the matriarchs and patriarchs, who are pillars of strength for the Edwards, Johnson and Hubbard families; and

Whereas, in our beloved Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, we are honored to have many members of the Edwards, Johnson and Hubbard families, such as Ms. Dorothy Edwards, who are some of our most productive citizens in our District; and

Whereas, family is one of the most honored and cherished institutions in the world, we take pride in knowing that families such as the Edwards, Johnson and Hubbard families have set aside this time to fellowship with each other, honor one another and to pass along history to each other by meeting at this year's family reunion in Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Edwards, Johnson and Hubbard families;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim July 22, 2011 as Edwards, Johnson & Hubbard Family Reunion Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 22nd day of July, 2011.

### HONORING HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER NEW HAVEN AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR 25TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the supporters and volunteers gathered this evening to congratulate Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven as they celebrate their silver anniversary. In its 25 year history this outstanding organization, fueled by the generosity and energy of its volunteers, has revitalized many of our neighborhoods and enhanced the quality of life in our community. Theirs is a mission that is quite literally reflected in the theme of this celebration—building hope, lives, and neighborhoods.

Over the course of its history, Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven has forged partnerships with individuals, religious and civic organizations, as well as local businesses and corporations that have translated into homeownership opportunities for more than eighty families. Offering a hand up rather than a hand out, families who qualify for the homebuyers program work side by side with community volunteers to build their home, investing a minimum of 400 "sweat equity" hours to the project. The families' personal investment also translates into their personal investment in the community.

Founded by a group of community leaders, Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven, like its sister chapters across the country, is a real grassroots organization. It encourages people to dedicate their words and actions to the elimination of poverty housing and attracts more than 2,000 volunteers every year. The need for affordable and safe housing is as much a need today as it was when this local organization was founded 25 years ago and it is heartening to know that there are so many who so willingly devote their time and energies to these efforts.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to the many volunteers and donors who have gathered tonight to celebrate this remarkable milestone. Without their generosity, compassion, and willingness to devote their time and energy, the mission of Habitat for Humanity would not be possible. Whether they have donated funds, construction material, or simply their time, it has been through their good work that Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven has been able to make such a difference in our community.

A home is so much more than simply a roof over ones head—it is a source of pride, comfort, independence and stability. This is the gift of Habitat for Humanity and I have been proud to support the good work that they have accomplished throughout Greater New Haven. I am honored to stand today to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven on their 25th Anniversary. I have no doubt that they will continue their extraordinary contributions for as long as there is a need.

### BOB HENLEY TRIBUTE

#### HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bob Henley for his outstanding service as a founding member of the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association in the San Juan National Forest.

In 1996, Mr. Henley began working as a tour guide for Chimney Rock, which helped to

foster his appreciation of the archeological area, and urged him to seek that tours of the ruins be independently operated in order to ensure the area receive proper attention and upkeep. In 2003, Mr. Henley's work helped to make Chimney Rock an independent organization.

Because of his efforts and the efforts of many volunteers, the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association hosts nearly 11,000 visitors in total each year, allowing it to be independently funded and operated. In addition, the Association is able to give elementary schools free tours, educating between 300 and 500 students about the history of the Chimney Rock Archeological site every year.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Bob Henley today. His service has provided many assets to the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association and the San Juan National Forest.

### HONORING LILA STERN

#### HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Hebrew School teacher and long-time community volunteer Lila Stern of Rockland County, is being honored by Congregation Shaaray Israel at their annual Journal Dinner Dance on June 12, 2011. For her numerous contributions to her community, Lila will receive the congregation's prestigious "Woman of Valor" award.

Lila has served as a leader of the Rockland Jewish community since 1953. As her husband Jules rose to the head of their congregation in the 1970s, Lila sought to encourage women's involvement in the Jewish issues as Chairwoman of Rockland County Israel Bonds Women's Division, President of Sisterhood at the Jewish Community Center, and a lifelong member of Hadassah.

In addition to her work in the Jewish community, Lila pursued a career as a "Professional Volunteer."

While raising three children, she took the time to work as a Pink Lady at Good Samaritan Hospital and as a literacy volunteer.

Lila now works as an adult teacher at Shaaray Israel where she teaches a class on Jewish appreciation. Every Wednesday she leads a discussion on Jewish issues ranging from religious issues to Israeli politics.

As a grandmother of 11, Lila has instilled in her family a respect for Jewish tradition as well as a sense of gratitude and support for the state of Israel, which she and her husband travel to frequently. Her visits to Israel began in 1950, when she first went with her parents lugging suitcases of clothing as well as money for the needy of the fledgling new country.

Through her charity and tireless dedication to her community, Lila has certainly earned her title as a "Woman of Valor," and I congratulate her on this honor.

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## BRIAN COOPER TRIBUTE

**HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Brian Cooper for earning the Alamosa Police Department's Lifesaver Award. His quick thinking and decisive action during his regular patrol of the small Colorado town saved the life of another resident.

Detective Cooper, a patrol officer at the time, saw one of the town's elderly residents choking. After calling an ambulance, he cleared the man's airway of the food he was choking on and successfully administered CPR. Paramedics credit Officer Cooper for saving the life of a man who would have otherwise died had he not intervened.

Detective Cooper is one of only a handful of recipients of the Lifesaver Award. It is not given lightly, but there was little argument against the Detective's merit. A father of two and loving husband to his high school sweetheart, Brian Cooper is an exemplary member of Colorado's police force.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Brian Cooper today. Alamosa is deservedly proud of him and I have no doubt that he will continue to expand on his already excellent record.

## HONORING OFER BAVLY

**HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ofer Bavly, the Consul General of Israel to Florida and Puerto Rico for his many years of service to the South Florida Jewish Community, which is being honored this evening by the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County.

The son of Israeli diplomats, Mr. Bavly has dedicated his life to public service since his graduation from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem with dual degrees in International Relations and Middle Eastern Studies. Like many Israelis, Mr. Bavly courageously served his country in the Israel Defense Forces, rising to the rank of Captain.

In 1991, Mr. Bavly joined Israel's Foreign Ministry, and has since served his country in Israel's Embassies around the world, including Madrid and Rome. Mr. Bavly's success as a diplomat and foreign policy expertise led to his appointment as a Policy Advisor to the Foreign Minister of Israel in 2005. Subsequently, Mr. Bavly was appointed Counselor in the Foreign Ministry's North America Division in 2006.

Mr. Bavly's diplomatic career has culminated with his 2007 appointment to his current position of Consul General of Israel to Florida and Puerto Rico. It has been an honor working side by side with Mr. Bavly to further America's unshakeable relationship with Israel.

I congratulate Mr. Bavly, his wife Ayala, and their three children for their great honor tonight, and I look forward to many more years of strong partnership with Mr. Bavly as we

work towards our shared goals of advancing the safety and security of Israel and creating a lasting peace.

## CARL TAYLOR TRIBUTE

**HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Carl Taylor, a farmer, soldier, and Colorado Native who lived his life in service of his country and family.

Mr. Taylor was born in Blanca, Colorado on May 16, 1919. Shortly after his twenty-third birthday, Mr. Taylor joined the U.S. Army. He was assigned to Fort Bliss in Company B, 271st Infantry, which eventually allowed him to serve in military campaigns all over the world. He was involved in the Battle of the Bulge, as well as other campaigns in Tunisia, Naples, Rhineland, Rome and Southern France.

After the war, Mr. Taylor returned to Colorado where he farmed barley. He and his wife lived in Center, Colorado, where they eventually began to distribute their barley to the Colorado Coors factory. On January 8, 2008, Mr. Taylor and his wife, Mona, retired and moved to the Colorado State Veteran Center at Homelake, Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Carl Taylor today. Throughout his life he has served as an outstanding soldier and citizen, and his great life achievements deserve to be noted.

## IN RECOGNITION AND REMEMBRANCE OF MR. LUTHER R. GATLING

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise with great sadness as I pay tribute to my dear friend Luther Gatling who recently passed away peacefully in his home in Teaneck, New Jersey on Tuesday, May 31st. As I speak with profound sorrow, I ascend to celebrate a life well lived and to remember with fondness the accomplishments of a remarkable man who, over his many years of service in government and credit counseling, etched his name in history as The Credit Doctor.

Luther dedicated his life to public service and championed diversity. And, as a long-time civil rights and business leader, he possessed a remarkable moral compass that inspired fiscal responsibility upon many disadvantaged people. Mr. Gatling has provided mentorship to our youth and much needed credit guidance to all. He stood for the empowerment, development, and prosperity of our Nation.

Luther R. Gatling was born in Waterbury, Connecticut on September 9, 1931. He received his Bachelors degree in business administration from Temple University. Luther then went on to serve as the president of the Waterbury City Council. He became the mayor of Waterbury before the age of 30 and later served as the assistant director at the Manpower Assistance of Boston program in Washington, D.C.

In my community of Harlem, Mr. Gatling is well known for his service as the President of the New York Chapter of the One Hundred Black Men, Inc. for 8 years. He also served on the executive committee and Board of Directors of the National One Hundred Black Men of America organization. In 1976, Luther created Budget and Credit Counseling Services, Inc. to help educate consumers with financial difficulties. BuCCS provided counseling and advocacy for more than 40,000 consumers.

Luther Gatling was an economically savvy man who never resisted sharing his wealth of knowledge with those in need. The Credit Doctor, as he was known, believed in empowering struggling and financially illiterate consumers through the power of sound credit comprehension.

Consumer credit, debt education, financial literacy are passions of Mr. Gatling. Instructing consumers on how to manage their credit wisely and pay their debts responsibly was important to my friend Luther.

Luther symbolized the American Dream. He worked vigorously with the One Hundred Black Men to expand educational and economic opportunities for African Americans and other minority communities. Mr. Gatling worked tirelessly with the BuCCS to properly educate the public on fiscal responsibility. Luther extended his guidance through practically every medium to educate the masses. He worked his first job as a taxi driver later to become the CEO of the Budget and Credit Counseling Service.

I would like for my colleagues in the Congress to join me in offering our heartfelt condolences to his wife Bonnie Gatling and their children, Dr. Sharon G Waldrum, Lydia Miller, Robbin Gatling, and Richard Patton. It is important that they know that their friends and all of those whose lives were touched by Luther over the years, are with them in spirit and the Gatling family are in our thoughts and prayers.

No amount of words can ever replace this titan. Luther bore his illness with great dignity and pride. And through his illness, he continued to persist on living and fighting for causes true to his faith and community. Now free from pain and discomfort, we can all draw some comfort in knowing that he has found peace in the eternity of God's Kingdom. He will long be remembered for his extraordinary commitment, humor, liveliness, energy, wisdom, discipline, principle and clear purpose which won the admiration of all who were privileged to come to know and work with him during his distinguished career.

Mr. Speaker, I consider myself fortunate to have had the opportunity to observe and experience Luther's example as a personal inspiration. Though Luther is no longer with us, we will continue to keep his memory alive in our hearts and minds, and continue to honor his legacy with our advocacy for the issues he cared about the most. We as a nation are all blessed to have known a Luther Gatling, "The Credit Doctor," a titan who shaped financial counseling history with his everlasting spirit.

## ED ELLIS TRIBUTE

**HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ed Ellis for his commitment to the